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NEW A-BOMB TEST IN RUSSIA

Wasted Years?

It is a chastening and disturbing thought that debates and discussions and negotiations on a plan for the European Community have been going on for four years and there is still no end product. In August 1950 the Assembly of the Council of Europe passed the famous resolution calling for the immediate creation of a European army under the authority of a European minister of defence, subject to proper democratic control. It was regarded as a matter of urgency and action was to be "immediate." The unfortunate fact is that the resolution was passed practically without discussion and in a mood of enthusiasm. These four years have been spent in an endeavour to give the idea of a European army and Defence Community a concrete meaning which would be acceptable to all the peoples who were to form the new partnership. With the exception of France where the opposition has been mainly emotional—and emotions are in politics far stronger than reason—that end has been achieved. The French are reluctant to accept the idea that their army with all its traditions and long history would become no more than a memory. No doubt Mr Eden has again come up against this factor in his talks with M. Mendes-France. It is the psychological factors which have thus far prevented the conception of the European Defence Community becoming a reality. It seems hardly possible that France is still holding out for further or more concrete guarantees from the other nations concerned with the E.D.C. project. Yet little else can be read into the joint communiqué issued by Mr Eden and M. Mendes-France. The communiqué was, to say the least, of a nebulous character with France again stressing the urgency of the matter and calling for rapid action. The American Secretary of State, Mr Foster Dulles, wisely kept clear of Paris and did not further complicate a delicate situation. However, he will, today, be fully acquainted with the European talks and may be able to offer a solution to the outstanding problems which, if not settled, may destroy at least two European governments who have based their foreign policies on E.D.C. The full-dress conference later in the month will afford France her last chance to reach an understanding and, what is more important, to be in a position to exercise a certain amount of restraint over a German army.

Moscow Statement Tells Of Recent Explosion To Solve Defence Problems

Moscow, Sept. 16. An atomic weapon has been exploded in Russia, Tass, the official news agency, reported tonight.

The announcement referred to a "test of one of the types of atomic weapons." Tass said the test was made in "recent days" and yielded "valuable results" in the field of atomic defence.

The official communiqué, published in all newspapers, said: "In accordance with the plan of scientific research work a test of one of the types of atomic weapons had been carried out in the Soviet Union in recent days."

"The object of the test was the study of the actions of an atomic explosion."

"During the test valuable results were obtained which will help Soviet scientists and engineers to solve successfully problems of defence from atomic attack."

The announcement did not say whether the explosion was of a plain atomic or hydrogen type of weapon.

Truce Violation In Laos

Washington, Sept. 13. The Legation of Laos said today the Indo-Chinese kingdom had formally accused the Vietminh forces of breaking the armistice by renewed fighting within the past week.

In a statement the Legation said: "Violent attacks have been made against units of the National Army on September 8, 9 and 10 at Houa Xiang and Ban Hongnon, respectively situated at 60 kilometres south-east and 20 kilometres west of Samoura and at Punc Tao, situated at 20 kilometres south-east of Sam Tao."

The statement said the protest had been made to the International Control Commission.

The statement also accused the Vietminh of "forced recruitment of many thousands of Laotians, most of whom were taken to North Vietnam" (Communist occupied territory), and said essential foodstuffs had also been requisitioned.

Reuter.

THE SIXTH

London, Sept. 17. Up to today's announcement of an atomic weapon test in Russia five other atomic tests had been reported.

It was on September 23, 1949, that the British, Canadian and United States Governments announced that an atomic explosion had been detected in Russia. This was never confirmed by the Soviet Government.

A second atomic explosion was reported on October 3, 1951, but it was not until a year later that Russia confirmed it.

On October 22, 1951, the White House announced that a third Russian atomic explosion had taken place.

On August 20, 1953, the United States Atomic Energy Commission reported that a "fission" explosion had taken place in Russia on August 12. This took place during a test which also involved a "thermo-nuclear" explosion, and Russia later claimed to have exploded a hydrogen bomb.

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Beauty Queen To Become MP?

Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 16. Brazil's entry in the Miss Universe contest was nominated today for the honour of Deputy. Maria Rodarte, 19, one of the beauty queens, is the eventual winner of the Miss Universe competition, now held in Rio. She is the first Brazilian to win the title.

Other first-rate features include the third in the series on analysing handwriting by "Scribbler," a young Hongkong author who discusses rounded and angular writing and flourishes and what the reader Tom Lyon, China Mail feature writer, tells you about THE GOLF-OUT WITH A CUP. On p. 12—the cup made of silver temple silver that has caused so many troubles. Lee Arnold and William Hickey give you the other side of things.

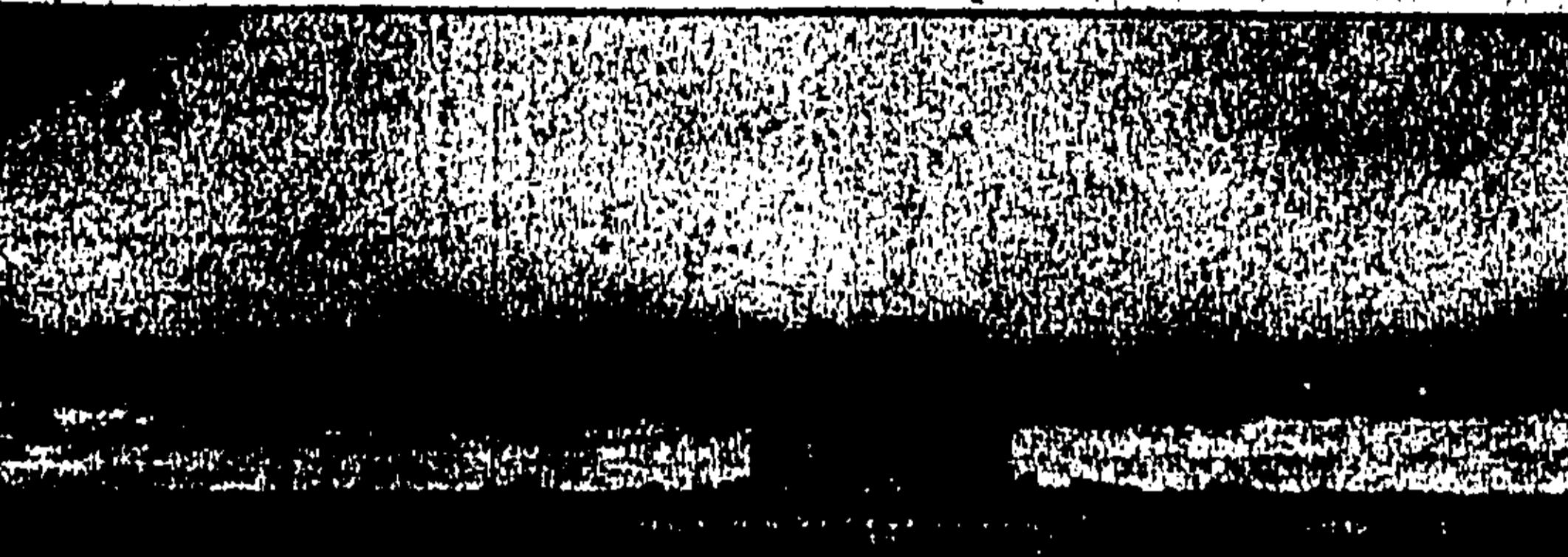
Teddy Boys In Russia, Too!

If you think 'Teddy Boys' are purely an English affliction—you're wrong. They have them in Moscow, too!

In this Saturday's "Mail" Fred Jarvis (he's the President of Britain's National Union of Students) writes his impressions of Russian youth today. In it he tells you about Russia's "Teddy Boys"—the "Stilys" as they call them.

John Deanne Poiter continues his observations of THE BIG SPENDERS of the French Riviera. This week he spotlights the gamblers—the sheik who lost £50,000 in an hour, the lucky young man who won £15,000 in ten minutes... and the many tales from the tables.

Home Edgar Lustgarten writes number four in HONOUR AT STAKE—his series dramatising famous trials of the past and present. No matter what your interests are—sport, bridge, film, the stars, politics, or the latest "clippings" view on page five—all in your Sunday "Mail." The paper with the most comprehensive coverage with something to interest everyone in the family.



Told S'pore Customs About Smugglers

\$80,000 Reward For Hongkong's "Quiet Little Man"

Singapore, Sept. 17. A World War II hero, who won the D.F.C. in Europe, was sentenced to three months in gaol when he was convicted on a charge of attempting to bring 302 bars of gold into Singapore from Hongkong.

A Customs Department spokesman said that, as a result of this conviction, a "quiet little man" in Hongkong who tipped off the Singapore Customs on the attempted smuggling would be paid a \$80,000 reward, which represents 20 per cent of the value of the gold bars seized.

The World War II hero, G. C. S. Pearson, who at-

ttempted to bring in the gold bars, was arrested last July. At the time of his arrest, he gave the Singapore police the name of a Hongkong man who had promised to pay him \$4,000 for his part in the gold smuggling transaction.

No one turned up, however, to claim the gold during the prescribed period after Pearson's conviction and it was confiscated by the Singapore Government.

Pearson pleaded guilty and elected to serve three months in gaol instead of paying the \$500 fine.

As a result of this case on Tuesday the Singapore Legislative Council will be asked to vote another \$65,000 to put the Customs Secret Service back in business again.—United Press and China Mail Special.

London, Sept. 16. Many persons were feared killed today when an eight-storey block of flats collapsed in Rio's residential area of Santa Teresa, burying the inhabitants in a pile of bricks and concrete.

Six bodies were removed from the debris within an hour, but police officials said it was feared many more were buried. Some women and children were known to have been in the building.

Eye-witnesses described cries and screams from trapped people as the building "toppled buckwards down a 62-yard hill." Residents of neighbouring apartments said the rear of the building, which overlapped the slope, was supported by concrete stilts, two of which cracked during the morning.

The police said later that the death roll had risen to seven and four children were among the 10 injured. It was possible that 20 people were still underneath the rubble, they added.

Rescue workers were digging into the rubble to see if there were any more victims. Among the injured was an Air Force Private, who was helping his company commander to remove furniture.—Reuter.

And While Russia Explodes Bombs

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Mr Lewis Strauss, called in New York last night of the potential use of A-energy. He foresaw the possibility "our children" may light their home with atomic-produced electricity "too cheap to meter".

Mr Strauss said Dr Lawrence Hafstad, head of the Commission's reactor development division, believed the United States will have industrial atomic electric power in five to 15 years.

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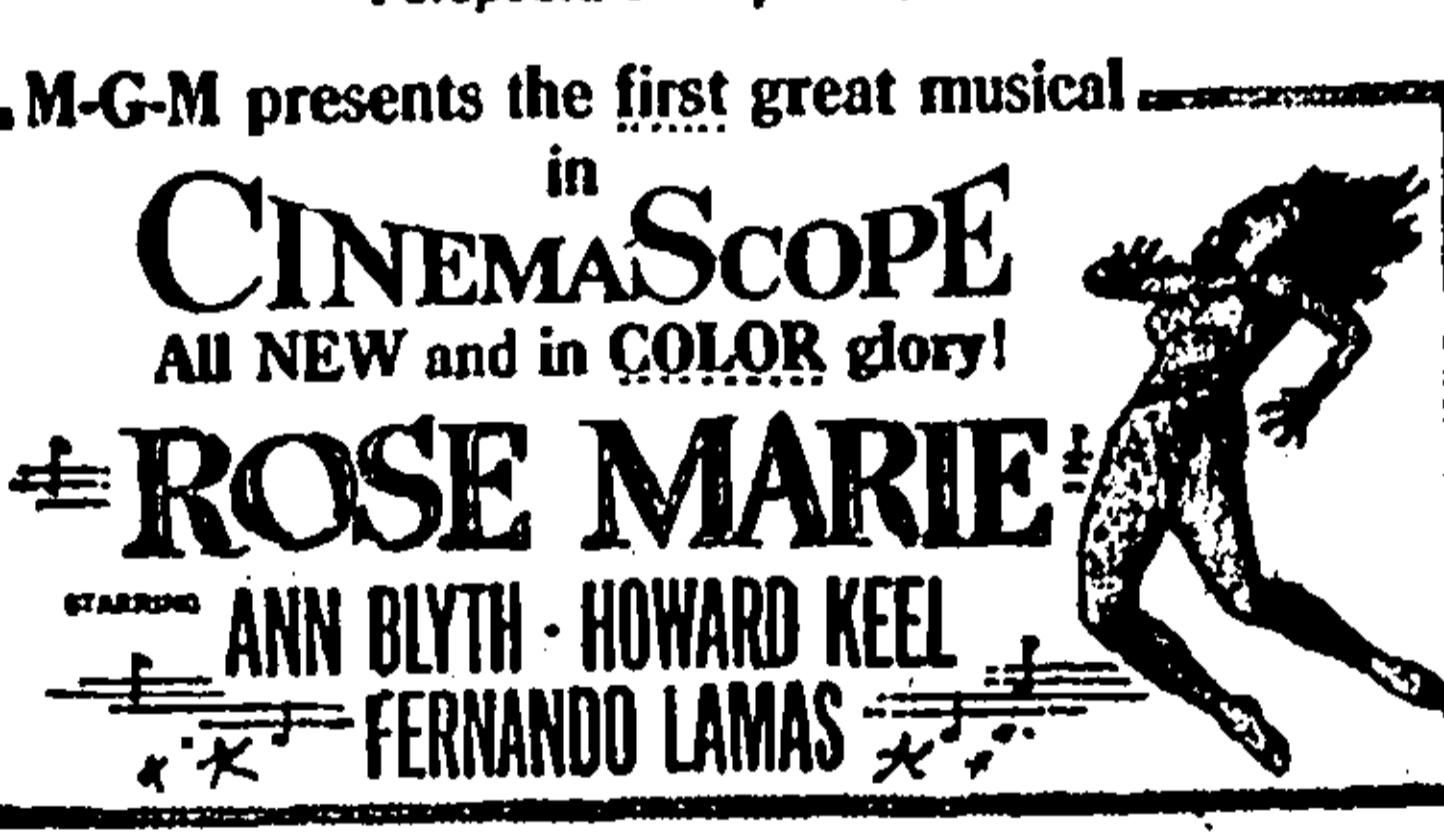
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New York, Sept. 16. Joseph Luns, Foreign Minister of the Netherlands, arrived here tonight to lead the Dutch delegation at the United Nations General Assembly opening next Tuesday.

Mr Luns said the Netherlands was hoping for the election of Leclerc van Kleffens as President of the Assembly. He said Dr Kleffens was the candidate of Western Europe and the Netherlands was "most disappointed that the American delegation is not supporting" him.

Mr Luns arrived aboard the French liner Ile de France. He pointed out that the Assembly had had several Presidents from

the Far Eastern countries, such as Mrs Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, Nasrullah Entezam of Iran and Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, but only one European, Paul Henri Spaak of Belgium.

FRANCE ESSENTIAL

Commenting on the French failure to ratify EDC, Mr Luns said he wanted to stress that the Netherlands government, "although fully aware that Germany must play a part in the defence of Western Europe, still remains convinced that France is essential to any defence set-up in Europe."

He said the Netherlands welcomed any efforts by the British Foreign Secretary, Anthony Eden, "in the direction of rebuilding the discredited European Defence Community."

NO DISCRIMINATION

Mr Luns said his government was against discriminatory moves against Germany because in the past such moves had led to a growth of German nationalism.

Mr Luns will go on to Washington during the week-end before returning here for the U.N. Assembly opening. He did not say what his plans in Washington would be, beyond stating that he would consult State Department officials there.—United Press.

Racial Laws
Relaxed In
South Africa

Pretoria, Sept. 16.

South Africa relaxed its racial laws to allow Commonwealth Asians to stay at an "all white" hotel during the recent Commonwealth Parliamentary conference here, it was revealed today.

Normally, non-whites are not allowed to stay at hotels catering for whites and in Transvaal and the Orange Free State may not be supplied with liquor.

But these rules were relaxed in favour of the Pakistani and Ceylon Parliamentarians after Dr Theophilus Donges, Minister of the Interior, had requested the hotel manager to do so. Indian delegates did not attend the conference.

The Johannesburg Star said today that the visitors who included Dr Khalif Shujauddin, Speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly, were "well pleased with their treatment"—Reuter.

COVENTRY MAYOR FOR STALINGRAD

London, Sept. 16.

Moscow radio tonight announced the coming visit to Stalingrad of a delegation from Coventry, England, headed by the Mayor, and said: "A joint appeal by representatives of the two cities will be sent to the United Nations, urging a ban on the use of atomic and hydrogen weapons."

The Coventry delegation is expected in Stalingrad in October.—Reuter.

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Eight-year-old Dorothy Wilkinson (left) speaks only German and four-year-old Margaret Wilkinson (right) speaks only English. They are sisters and are now working out their language problems together at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England. Their mother, Mrs Anna Wilkinson, 34, Austrian-born, returned to Newcastle recently from Austria, bringing Dorothy with her. It was the end of a three-year fight for the legal custody of the child, who has been living with Mrs Wilkinson's parents at Leibnitz. Father, Mr Walton Wilkinson, now a railway worker, met his wife while he was serving with the British Army in Austria. Baby Dorothy was left with her grandparents until the Wilkinsons had set up a home in England. The grandparents refused to part with her; then finally an Austrian Court ordered them to hand over the child.—Express Photo.

'AMERICAN TRAGEDY'

Scoutmaster Denies
Plot To
Murder Wife

Walland, Ontario, Sept. 16. A handsome Scoutmaster, Bruce Maclean, admitted today that he dated 16-year-old Marilyn Lynes before and after his wife's "American Tragedy" drowning, but he denied the girl's story that he told her of a plot to murder his wife.

The 25-year-old steelworker testified after the Crown had closed its case against him. He is charged with murdering his wife Betty, 20, in August last year by tipping the canoe in which they were boating and then swimming around until she drowned.

Today's hearing opened with the introduction of two statements Maclean was said to have given the police immediately after his arrest, but Justice R. W. Treleavan ruled them inadmissible.

Mr Justice Treleavan said the police had used a ques-

tion-and-answer technique that appeared to him to constitute a cross-examination.

Maclean followed a land surveyor, James Clark to the stand. Clark testified that he had inspected the scene of Mrs Maclean's death in the muddy waters off Pilk Creek and found a large rock on the bottom in the area where the girl fell out.

The inference was that the rock could have caused a bruise which the funeral directors testified they found on Mrs Maclean's forehead. — United Press.

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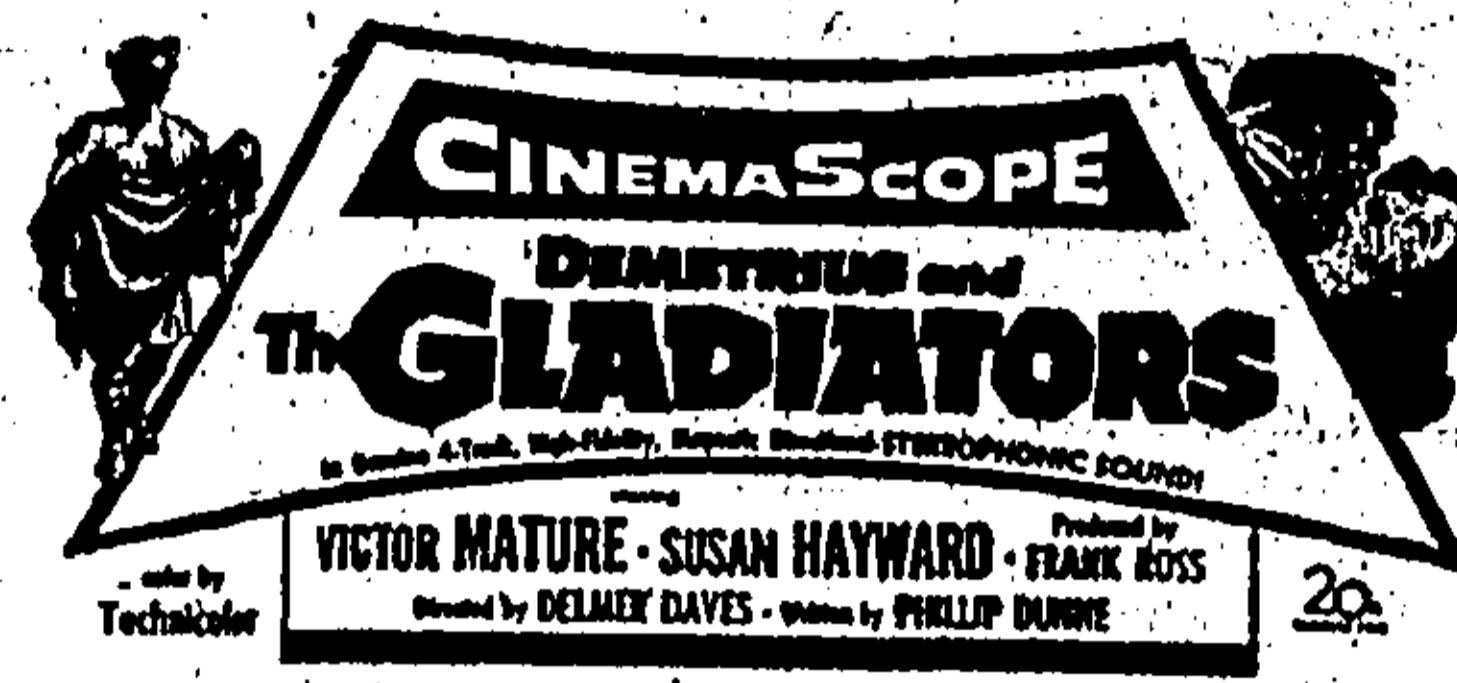


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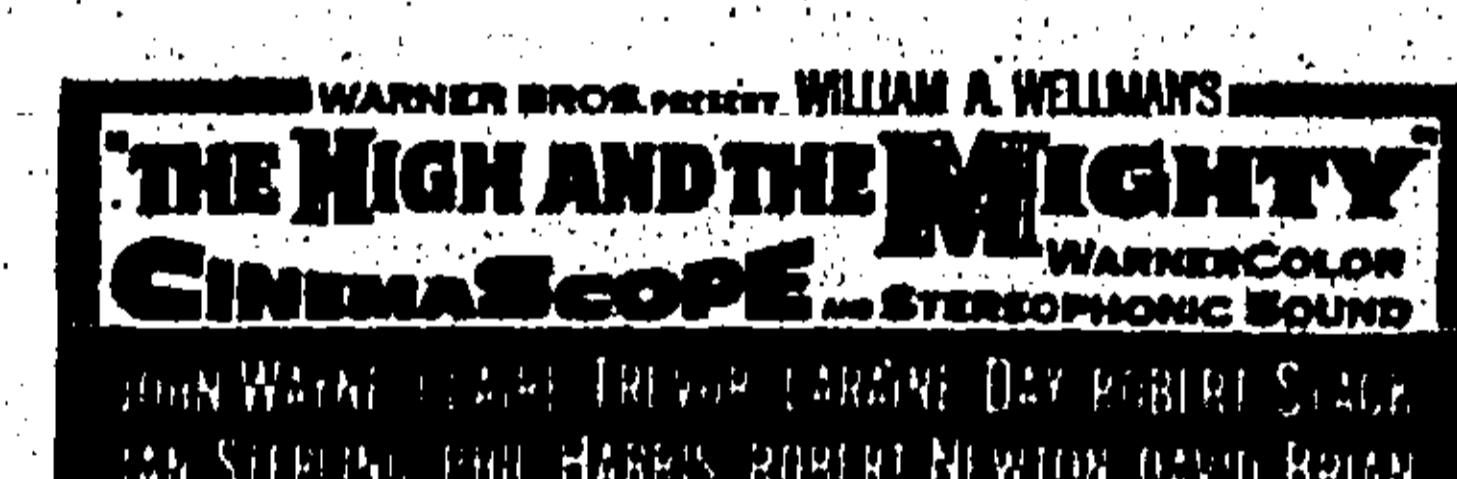
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AN INNOCENT ABROAD

London, Sept. 16. A Moscow "learner" who failed his police test was told by the head of his driving school, "Don't be an innocent abroad." So he paid 300 roubles (about £20 sterling) and got his license after all—without a test.

But then he complained to the authorities, according to Trud, the Soviet Trade Union newspaper, in its latest issue.

Result: the head of the driving school, L. V. Chelnikov, has gone to prison for 18 months, and a police inspector, A. G. Filin, for 12 months.

Trud said the learner had discovered that all tests were "arranged" Chelnikov keeping 200 roubles for himself and paying 100 roubles to Filin.—China Mail Special.

Dulles Expected To Take Decisive Steps

SURPRISE MOVE NOW POSSIBLE

Bonn, Sept. 16. United States Secretary of State John Foster Dulles conferred with West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer for nearly three hours here today.

This was the first conversation between the two statesmen in Mr Dulles' current trip to Bonn. He is to go to London to confer with British Premier Sir Winston Churchill tomorrow.

This evening, Mr Dulles and US High Commissioner in Germany, Dr James B. Conant, were dinner guests of Dr Adenauer.

The immediate interpretation in Bonn of the fast moves by Mr Dulles who flew overnight from Washington is that the United States is speeding up its programme to make West Germany master of her own house as soon as possible.

On his arrival, Mr Dulles said he would consult the Governments of those countries "who are genuinely concerned with the peace, security and freedom of Europe," before taking final decisions.

But the whole manner of his surprise visit and the nature of

ANOTHER WORLD CITIZEN

Davis Performs Marriage Rites

New York, Sept. 16. The "No. 1 World Citizen," Garry Davis, performed his own marriage ceremony aboard the liner as United States several days ago, en route to England, the New York Daily Mirror reported today.

The paper said that Davis approached the liner's captain, John Anderson, to perform the ceremony but was refused in accordance with the liner's policy.

"O.K." Davis is reported to have said. As No. 1 World Citizen, I will perform my own ceremony."

And he did, marrying Gloria Sandra.

Immigration officials said Davis had bought a one-way passage under the name of Saul-Davis through an agent. At Southampton British officials refused to recognise his World Citizen's passport and kept him aboard the ship.

Davis tore up his US passport in Paris in 1948 and declared himself a "citizen of the world." This was his second marriage.—United Press.

Hollywood, Sept. 16. The singing star Judy Garland disclosed today that she is getting her third child next April.

The singer made her announcement after she and her producer Sid Luft, from a European vacation.

Mrs. Garland has two daughters, one by Luft and the other by a previous marriage to director Vincente Minelli. Luft has a son by a previous marriage.—United Press.

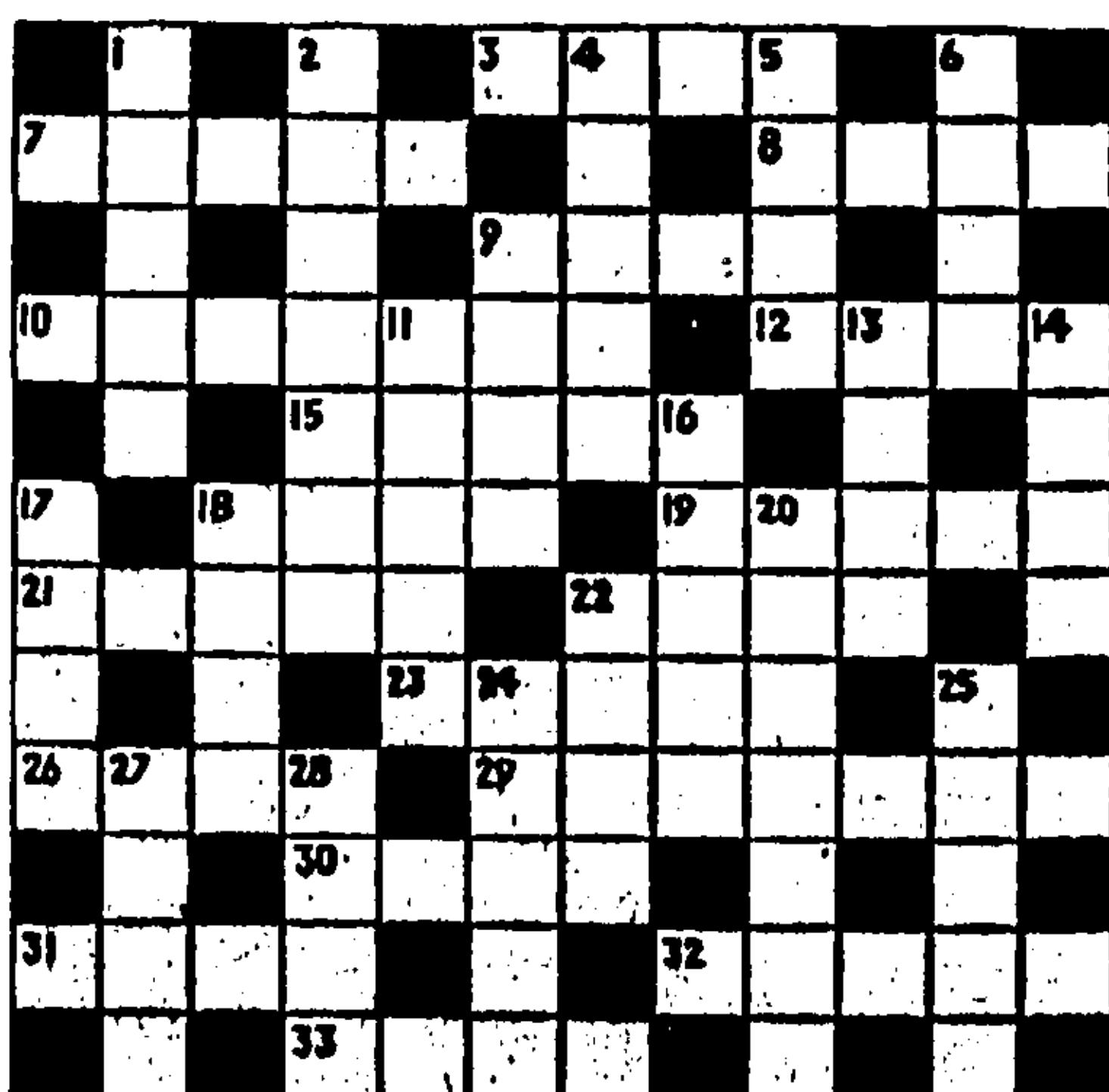
NO RELIGIOUS BAN

But in a departure from the current Soviet line of trying to eliminate religion, the Dalai Lama stoutly denied that Red China would try to eliminate religion in his devoutly religious country.

"These enemy slanders have all fallen on stony ground," he was quoted as saying, "for the Tibetan peoples enjoy full freedom of religion and they know this from their own experience."

—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Sharp (4)
- 7 Gladian (6)
- 8 Parched (6)
- 9 Sculptor's work (4)
- 10 Go (7)
- 12 Request (4)
- 13 Promises (4)
- 14 Periods (4)
- 15 Fettens (6)
- 16 Tales wildly (5)
- 17 Leg joint (4)
- 18 Choose (8)
- 19 Bell game (4)
- 20 Describes a barometer (7)
- 21 Way out (4)
- 22 Insect (4)
- 23 Swift (4)
- 24 Nest (4)

DOWN

- 1 Scare (5)
- 2 Gourmet (7)
- 3 Rough (6)
- 4 Facts given (4)
- 5 Hazard (4)
- 6 Entrants (4)
- 7 Wipe out (6)
- 8 Fruit (4)
- 9 Circle (4)
- 10 Subsequently (6)
- 11 Entomologist (4)
- 12 Wistfulness (4)
- 13 Withdrawal (7)
- 14 English country (4)
- 15 Landowner (6)
- 16 Lubricious (4)
- 17 Exploit (4)

Trooper Contract For Airwork

London, Sept. 16. The Air Ministry has awarded its Far East trooping contract for the next 2½ years to Airwork, an independent British airline. The contract provides for the carriage of 7,000 troops a year in each direction between Britain and Singapore. The company will use Hormes Iva aircraft which have 38 backward-facing seats and are pressurised for high altitude flying. The present British-Burma-Rangoon journey will take three days.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Banner, 7 Pair, 8 Mint, 10 Doubt, 11 List, 12 Restricted, 13 Near, 14 Motor, 15 Resilience, 16 Soda, 24 Metric, 25 Cache, 26 Saw, 27 Target, Down: 2 Ample, 3 Tutor, 4 Reduce, 5 Opulence, 6 Miss, 8 Abide, 13 Verse, 15 Romp, 17 Under, 18 Diver, 20 Layer, 21 Niche, 22 Order.

Ex-prisoners Visit U.N. Headquarters

United Nations, Sept. 16.

Five Chinese who surrendered to the United Nations forces in Korea and turned against Communism gave their personal thanks to the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, today for their treatment as prisoners of war.

The five, who have been touring the United States for the past month, were introduced to the Secretary-General by Dr Ting-fu Tsang, Nationalist China's chief UN delegate.

Chang Tsun-hien, leader of the five, spoke to the Secretary-General on behalf of 14,000 Chinese prisoners of war who chose not to return to Red China.

The rest of the five are Chao

Kung-chung, Kao Cheng-chung,

Ku An-kang and Chien Yu-chi.

They presented a "Freedom Badge" to Mr Hammarskjöld, who was designed by the "Chinese anti-Communist Returns from Korea" to commemorate the day that the anti-Communist prisoners of war were released.

Mr Hammarskjöld, in response, thanked the members of the Chinese goodwill mission, saying the United Nations was against aggression in any form. He said he could not fully accept their thanks for the UN principle of voluntary repatriation of prisoners because he was not Secretary-General at the time it was formulated. He added, however, that he heartily agreed with the principle.

PERSONAL STORY

The five Chinese also gave a 45-minute press conference for UN correspondents at which each of the five told his personal story through an interpreter.

They said they were forced by the Communists to fight in Korea and that they were told the Chinese Nationalists had three divisions fighting on the South Korean side. They said they had never seen any Russians with the Red Chinese forces but they always had believed that the Russians sent them to fight in Korea.

The five Chinese have been spending each day making visits to various UN delegations at their local headquarters.—United Press.

Sir Ester Denning in New York

New York, Sept. 16. Sir Ester Denning, British Ambassador to Japan, arrived here today by plane from Tokyo en route back to his post in Tokyo after consultations at the British Foreign Office.

He will leave tomorrow for Washington for a three-day visit during which he said he would "exchange views with the United States State Department officials who are concerned with Far Eastern affairs."

Sir Ester said that he will return to New York on Monday and leave next Tuesday by plane for Ottawa for conversations at the Canadian Foreign Office.

He said that after three days

in Ottawa, he would leave for Vancouver en route to Tokyo where, he said, he expected to arrive on September 28.—France-Presse.



Mme Tito, wife of the Yugoslavian President, with the pony presented to her by Celal Bayar, the Turkish President during his State visit to Belgrade.—Express Photo.

New Espionage Network In Japan?

Tokyo, Sept. 16.

M. Sabelyev, one of six Soviet officials who reportedly left aboard a Russian cargo vessel on February 28, last, is at present clandestinely staying in Japan where he heads a new espionage network, according to Japanese press reports published here today.

Sabelyev is remembered as the soft-spoken friend of the Soviet spy Rastovoroff who sought refuge in the United States at the end of January this year.

WHOOOSHED IN

Then Cunningham whooshed in.

He put the good left wheel on the dry runway. The

crippled right wheel carelessly set down on the slick foam. The left wheel rolled along as it should. The right wheel slipped down the foam.

Had not the field been "creased," the right wheel would have hit the dry ground and failed to turn. This would have caused the plane to go into an immediate whirl and probably would have wrecked it.—United Press.

U.S. Soldier Will Stay In French Prison

Washington, Sept. 16.

The US Court of Appeals today refused to issue an order for the release of a US Army private serving a five-year sentence in a French prison.

The soldier, Richard Thomas Keeff, pleaded guilty in France to the robbery of a cab driver last October.

His wife, Mrs Gladys Keeff, 23, sought a writ of habeas corpus on the grounds that her husband's constitutional rights were violated during the trial.

The appellate Court upheld a lower Court's decision denying the writ. It said an official American observer attended the trial and reported no constitutional violations.—United Press.

Jap Air Force Officers Go To America

Tokyo, Sept. 16.

Five senior officers of Japan's fledgling air force left here to-night by air for the United States for a three-week inspection tour of air force facilities there.

The officers were Lieutenant-General Takeshi Sanagi, Air Force Deputy Chief-of-Staff, Major-General Monjyo Aiyama, chief of the air defence section, Major-General Minoru Genda, chief of the maintenance department, Colonel Atsushi Ota, superintendent of the maintenance school and Colonel Fumio Maruta, a member of the training section.

The officers are visiting the United States at the invitation of the United States Air Force.—Reuters.

COPPER STRIKE NOT SETTLED

New York, Sept. 16.

Spokesman for the Anaconda Copper Mining Company and the Kennecott Copper Corporation today denied that any strike settlements had been reached in their Chilean plants.

Commenting on Sanaga's remarks, Crediting high Chilean Government officials with statements that the strike were still on, the companies said their plans were still idle and no progress towards a settlement had been reported so far.

However, the Premier and his cabinet remained unconvinced that the miners had no intention of returning to work. The miners, in turn, maintained that they had no desire to return to work under the existing conditions.

Old Harrovian Turns Organ Grinder

NOT WEARING HIS OLD SCHOOL TIE

London, Sept. 16. Harrow, England's famous public school and supplier of some of the nation's eminent statesmen and scholars has produced... an organ grinder.

Hondson, debonair Geoffrey Stavert, is a 21-stillings-a-middle-class-Surrey boy, went to Harrow to study modern languages. As head boy during his final term, Stavert shook hands with Sir Winston Churchill during the Prime Minister's annual visit to his old school.

Today, he stood outside London's cavernous Olympic Stadium, amusing crowds entering the spectacular international food fair.

Voltaire has been forsaken, temporarily, for a well-thumbed book of cockney songs. His language has become the chipped twang of the "busker," London's nomadic street musician.

To most, passersby, Stavert is the genuine article. To Stavert, 19-year-old son of a day job to help pay for his education and a "bit fun" as well.

Even fellow Harrovians have passed by their disguised school chum, winding the wheezy old barrel organ with one hand and solving the daily crossword puzzle in a Conservative newspaper with the other.

But Stavert's career as an organ grinder has only two days to go. It ends with the closing of the food fair, which hired him and two other students to entertain the crowds.

After that he will use the scholarship he won at Harrow to continue modern language studies at Oxford.—China Mail Special.

Supplies For Enclaves

Lisbon, Sept. 16. It was officially stated here today that due to the difficulties caused by the Indian Republic in the supplying of the Portuguese India territories, it would be necessary to run a ship between the ports of Goa, Damao, Karachi and Colombo.

The freighter "Indho," which belongs to the Portuguese National Navigation Company will put on the new service.

—France-Presse.

Paris Talks Will Overshadow Defence Debate

Strasbourg, Sept. 17.

The Paris talks between Mr Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and M. Mendes-France, French Prime Minister, will overshadow the three-day debate on European defence which will open in the 15-nation Council of Europe here today (Friday).

Only a few Government delegates here, notably M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, and Mr. Anthony Nutting, British Foreign Under-Secretary, will be completely informed about the Paris talks to find a substitute solution to the European Defence Community project, rejected by France.

Both M. Spaak and Mr. Nutting will be fully briefed on Mr. Eden's report yesterday to the permanent North Atlantic Treaty Organisation Council on the outcome of his flying visit to West European capitals.

Their part in the debate will give a significant clue to the real position following Mr. Eden's tour of Europe.

Silence from M. Spaak will be interpreted here as meaning that he has not lost hope of M. Mendes-France's agreeing to the generally accepted formula for bringing West Germany into the North Atlantic alliance by way of the Brussels Treaty.

But if the news from Paris is gloomy, M. Spaak may launch a powerful attack against the French delegation.

In my case, M. Mendes-France's policy will come under heavy fire from leading European politicians, particularly from General Spaak, Belgian representative of the General Affairs Committee of the Council of Europe.

The decision to postpone the debate was based on the feeling that the question may come up at the London conference.

But if the Paris talks do not go ahead, the London conference will be postponed, and the European Defence Community project will be referred to the Conference of Ministers of Defense.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Briton Is Light On Opening Bid

By OSWALD JACOBY

As in the case of yesterday's hand, South is a trifle light for the opening bid of two no-trump. This bid usually shows 22-24 points with balanced distribution and all four suits securely stopped. Today's hand is taken, however, from an English set of pair hands. In England, the opening bid of two no-trump is made a little lighter than in America.

When the hand was played in the contest, West was required to open the Jack of diamonds. Declarer naturally played low from the dummy, and East naturally played the king. South must drop the queen of diamonds in order to make sure of his contract.

South can later lead a low diamond to finesse dummy's nine. He takes a club finesse and enters dummy again with the ace of diamonds to repeat the club finesse. By this means,

NORTH	22
♦ A 10 4 2	
♥ Q 0 3	
♦ A 9 5	
♦ K 9 2	
WEST	EAST
♦ J	♦ Q 9 8 3
♥ K 10 8	♦ Q 9 7 2
♦ J 10 8 7 4 2	♦ K
♦ 10 0 3	♦ K 8 4
SOUTH (D)	
♦ A K 6	
♦ A J 4	
♦ Q 6 3	
♦ A Q J 5	
North-South vul	South West North East
2 N.T.	Pass
Pass	3 N.T.
Opening lead—♦ J	

South can win all four club tricks to add to the two diamonds, the two spades and the ace of hearts in order to make his game contract.

South needs two entries to dummy in order to repeat the club finesse. If South fails to drop the queen of diamonds at the first trick, he cannot be sure of getting to dummy twice with diamonds.

What happens if South keeps the queen of diamonds and later leads a low diamond towards dummy? If West is alert to the situation, he will play the ten of diamonds and thus force dummy to win with the ace. Now South still has the queen of diamonds while dummy has the nine. South has the same number of diamond tricks, to be sure, but he can get to the dummy only once and can therefore take only one club finesse.

It isn't very hard for West to make this play, since he can be practically sure that East has played a singleton king of diamonds when he wins the first trick and then shifts to a different suit. With the diamond situation exposed, West can see that it costs him nothing to put up the ten.

CARD SENSE

Q.—The bidding has been: West North East South 1 Diamond Double Redbl. ?

You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-9-8-3-2, Hearts K-8-5-3, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs 0-6-2. What do you do?

A.—Pass. There is no reason for you to guess whether spades or hearts will make a better trump suit. It is up to North to rescue himself, and he will probably bid one of the major suits. You will then raise, thus showing your slight strength.

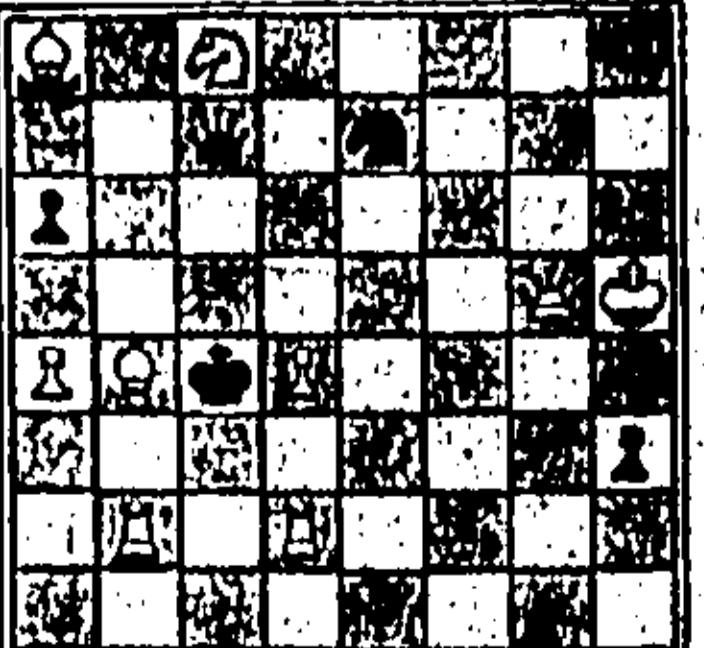
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades Q-J-9-8-3-2, Hearts Q-5, Diamonds 8-5, Clubs A-9-6-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By V. B. PUGACHEV
Black: 5 pieces.



White, 0 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-Q3; 1... PxP; 2. Q-K1; KxP; 1... BxP; 2. KxP; 1... KxP; 2. Q-B6 (ch); 1... BxP; 3. Q-B6 (ch).



"I'm sure you'll understand our leaving so early. Fred can stand just so much of Ethel."

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... BY STELLA

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

BONITA today, you are versatile and have a variety of interests. You enjoy good chess, and you like more effectiveness. Concentration on a single objective is of the utmost importance. If you are to reach an early success, you must be determined. You enjoy travel and like to meet new and interesting people around the world. You are active and you are always analyzing things—sometimes so much that you become fatigued. You are determined when it comes to making up your mind.

You are quick to understand the underlying motivation of a situation, yet you hesitate to act until you are sure. You are fair and just in all your dealings. You are not well

suited to a highly competitive business life, for you are not self-sufficiently interested in money-making, but you can be content with good books, fine music, and a harmonious and beautiful home.

You are affectionate, are fond of children, and will be popular if you select a life partner, for it must be someone who enjoys the same cultural things that you do.

Among those born on this date are Baron von Steuben, German military tactician, George Buffon, naturalist, and Marie Condorcet, French philosopher.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth-day star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Go right ahead with your plans. This is a fine day for anything you may wish to accomplish.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If you are frank and out in the open with everyone, you will get exactly the kind of results you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Enjoy yourself this weekend. Plan to have a pleasurable evening with a close friend or relative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A splendid day if you do not take unnecessary risks. Being conservative brings the best fortune.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Go right ahead with that important job. Nothing should stop you now from getting exactly what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Have a good week-end. Just keep

a touch of romance in the air for you. Have an enjoyable time with your "one and only."

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20)—Make your plans carefully and get an early start if you are anticipating a week-end in the country.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A good day to build up your health and energy. Relax tensions if you find they have been mounting lately.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Not a good day to keep a secret. Better be frank and outspoken.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—If you have a job in which you have to work on Saturday, it could mean an extra profit for you now.

To brighten up shabby or faded looking leather chairs, or feathers from working their way out.

Rusty cake tins should be scrubbed with sand and soft soap, then with hot water and soda. Finally rinse in boiling water.

Before stuffing a cushion or pillow with feathers, sponge the inside of the ticking with very stiff starch; it prevents the feathers from working their way out.

Give your sink a daily clean with soda dissolved in hot water.

water. Pour a kettle full of boiling water down afterwards to dissolve any grease that may have clogged in the pipes.

To prevent oil-cloth from cracking and wearing through at the corners of the kitchen table, fix a piece of adhesive tape to the underside of the oil-cloth where it rests on the table-corners.

The Menace began when girls took a fancy to men's waistcoats a long time ago. The danger grew when they cast a covetous eye on fisherman's jerseys, leather belts, scarves, socks, shirts, pyjamas, pullovers, and dressing gowns.

Even one of the snubbed women in the world—Parisian madame Susy Volterra—has fallen for the fad. She bought a big black coat from a man's store in London recently.

And now comes news of three more men's style fashions that women are falling for.

From Paris, Robb reports—

A NEW WAY to wear a man's shirt—tuck the long back into your skirt or trousers and tie the two parts of the front forward round your waist in a big bow.

A CRAZE for cuff links popularised by Fath and Dior this summer, and

From America: The vogue among college girls is for little boy shorts, in grey flannel, or

for a man to appear in his navy blue.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Punch's Favourite Pet

—It was a Hungry Goat by the Name of Billy—

By MAX TRELL

"MR Punch," said Knarf, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, "of all the pets that you had which one did you like the best?"

Mr Punch, who was shaving himself in front of a mirror—he was brushing lather on his face when Knarf spoke to him—turned around and said: "Did you say pets or pests?"

"They could be pests, too," said Mr Punch, "especially when they bark or they scratch. So you'd like to know which one of all the pets that I've had, I liked the best? Well, let me see now. You don't mind if I keep on shaving while I think, do you?"

"Oh no," said Knarf. "Go right ahead and shave."

"Judy is waiting for me downstairs for breakfast," said Mr Punch. "Of all the pets that I have had, the one I liked the best was a goat named Billy."

"Give it to someone and you'll have nothing more to do with it," said Knarf. "Bingo!"

"Billy?" said Knarf. "Was it a dog?"

"No," said Mr Punch, as he drew the razor across his cheek. "Billy wasn't a dog. He wasn't

down." "That sounds like no," said Knarf.

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LRC TOURNAMENT

COLONY MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP REACHES SEMI-FINAL STAGE

'Jup. Pluv.', who, last week, came in for a certain amount of criticism for the hostile attitude which he seemed to be adopting towards the LRC's annual tournament, really looked as though he was trying to be helpful last evening.

He not only allowed all the events to finish, including several handicap events, he let all players get to the clubhouse and then sent a good sharp shower which relieved the groundsmen of the need to sprinkle the courts and his faithful prophets at the Royal Observatory seem to think that today again he will be in a gracious mood.

The Colony Mixed Doubles Championship advanced to the semi-finals stage, once again there being no real surprises although it had been thought that Choy Tin-kin and Miss G. Lo would have offered somewhat stiffer resistance to Lee Ben-sing and Miss U. Kho.

In this game, down on Court 8, there was a bit of a battle for the first four games and then Lee and Miss Kho got the upper hand and lost no more and the lasting impression is that the winners are a well knitted team, both better at the doubles than at the singles game.

In the semi-finals they will really have to produce something out of the bag if they are going to progress any further as they are in the lower half of the draw and meet the Ip's who, out on Court 5, contested home against F. de M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Ramchand.

They showed once again that they are a very good mixed couple even if, when they come

under any pressure, Ip is a bit inclined to take too much of the game on his own shoulders.

So far as Hongkong is concerned he is so far ahead of the majority of players that he can do this with comfort, but it might lead him into trouble against a mixed couple where the lady is strong enough to turn their style of play into something nearer the men's doubles game.

Edwin Tsai and Mrs Chow lost two more games than did the Ip's, but Dr. S. N. To and Mrs. Choy are quite a strong combination and not too much weight should be given to the mathematics of the thing. A pair of left-handers is always an awkward proposition and when one of them is as good as Tsai in the doubles game the thing from the opposition's point of view becomes even more complicated.

EVENLY DIVIDED

Their opponents in the top half semi-final will be H. Heenan and Mrs. A. Philip who, although they have only had two games together to date, have worked out a very good understanding and they play a mixed game where the responsibilities are much more evenly divided than is usually seen on Hongkong courts.

Their opponents, L. T. Lee and Mrs. P. Eyles, have, unfortunately nowhere near as strong as the Tsai-Chow partnership, but they put up a good fight.

Mrs. Eyles, when she has time, likes to take the ball low and late and, while doing this early in the game she brought off some lovely passing shots against Heenan at the net with Heenan looking, and confirming afterwards, as if he hadn't got a clue as to down which side of him the ball would come.

A short consultation and note being taken that, if Mrs. Eyles had to move a bit further, she could not pull off these winners and the expert was over. Mrs. Philip quickly ensured that her opposite number had to do some running and Heenan was once more in command.

On balance it is thought that the most interesting tie in the whole tournament will be this top half semi-final which is due to take place on Tuesday, September 22.

The fight, originally scheduled for Wednesday night, but postponed because of rain until tonight, was postponed a second time today because of the weather.

However, through a misunderstanding, promoter Tom Norris postponed the fight until tomorrow night under the impression that the Giants were to play the Philadelphia Philles at the Polo Grounds on Friday afternoon. The game originally was scheduled for Friday afternoon but several weeks ago was changed to a night game.

Under an agreement between Norris, the International Boxing Club, the Giants and the New York Yankees, no fights can be held at either of the ball parks if the local ball club is playing.

After considerable discussion Horace Stomach, President of the Giants, reluctantly consented to let the fight go on tomorrow night at the stadium on condition that the Preliminaries start at 9 p.m. (1 a.m. GMT Saturday) and the main bout at 11 p.m.

The baseball game starts at 8.15 p.m. (12.15 a.m. GMT Saturday).

Harry Markson, Managing Director of the IBC, said that the Giants figured the game would be finished between 10.15 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. Thus, the baseball fans at the Polo Grounds could walk across the bridge over the Harlem River and see the fight.—United Press.

SHIRAI TO DEFEND TITLE NEXT YEAR

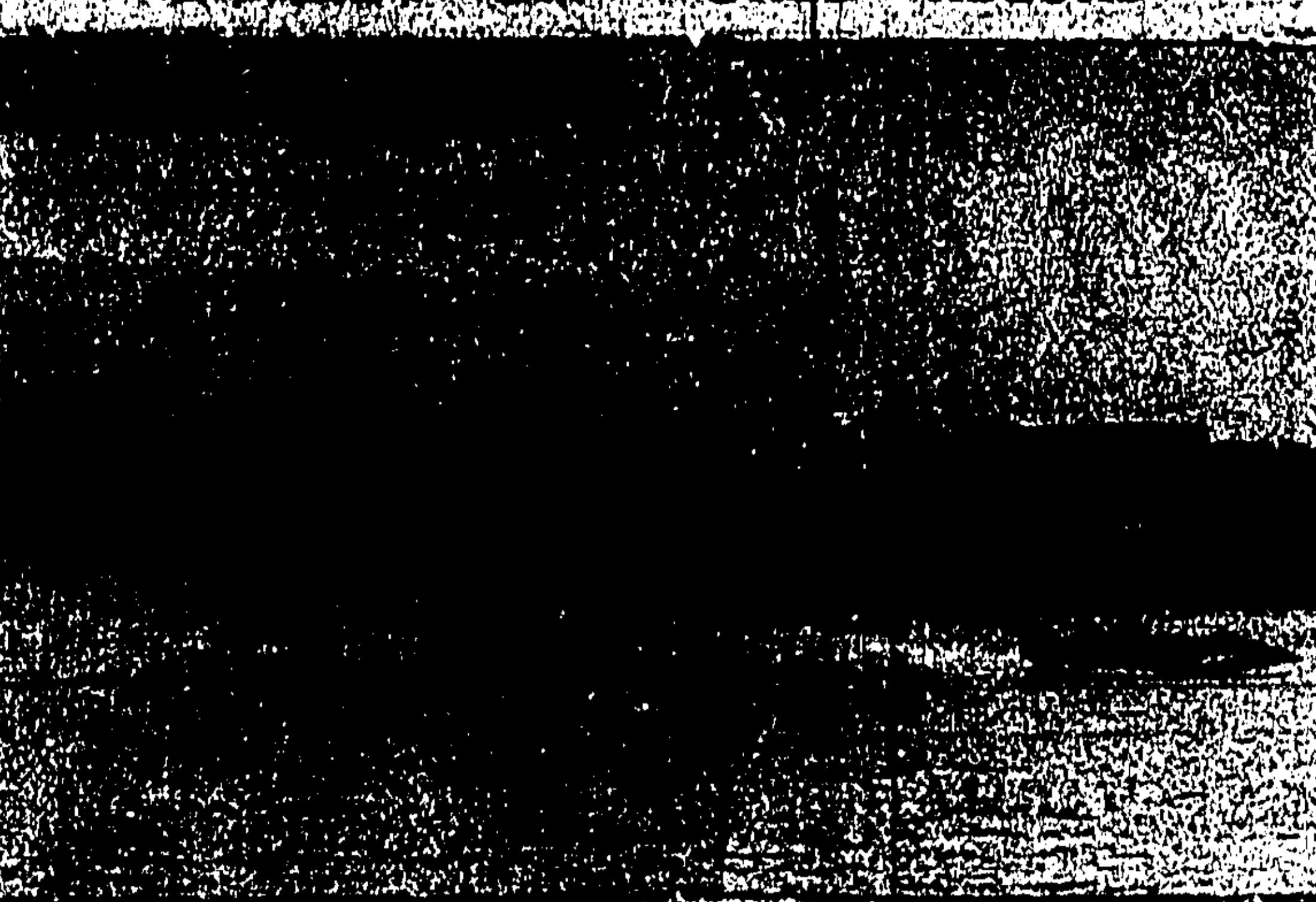
London, Sept. 16. The boxing promoter Jack Solomons said today that he had just received a cable from Abe Saperstein, adviser to the manager of the Japanese flyweight champion, Yoshiro Shirai, that Shirai would defend his world title in London on March 8, 1955.

His opponent will be the winner of the fight between the British Empire flyweight champion, Jake Tull, of South Africa, and the Welsh minor, Dai Dower, unbeaten in 20 professional fights.

The contract for this contest was signed in London this morning.

The match will take place on October 19. Tull's manager is Jim Wicks, former boxer

ATTEMPT ON WORLD RECORD



Mario Verga, Italy's speedboat King, just failed to set up a new world speed record for "No limit" motor boats, owing to engine trouble in his specially constructed Alfa Romeo speed boat which is powered with two 1,500 c.c.m. engines. Mario Verga's speedboat is seen here during the unsuccessful attempt on the Iseo Lake, Northern Italy.—Express Photo.

Scottish Golfers Will Have A Chance To Play The Open Champion

By JAMES ANDERSON

Peter Thomson, the young Australian golfer who won the Open Championship in July, is flying back to Britain to play a special match over Killermont course, Glasgow, on October 3—and amateur golfers throughout Scotland and the rest of Britain will be able to play a challenge round against him at the same time.

Thomson's opponents in this "Match of the Century" will be three times Open Champion Bobby Locke (South Africa). They will play one round of 18 holes. But it will be the Australian's score which will count because during that week-end, October 2 and 3, amateur golfers can take out a half-crown card and try to beat him on handicap.

Thomson, who will play off plus two, will award a signed certificate to any club player who beats the scratch score of his or her home course by more than he beats the scratch score at Killermont. Club golfers, incidentally, may play as many rounds as they like—so long as they buy a special card for each entry.

Object of the event is to raise funds for the Golf Foundation, a non-profit making organisation which provides free tuition for boy and girl golfers in every walk of life. The event is sponsored by the Daily Mail.

Willie Armstrong (Port-Glasgow), Scottish Middleweight (list 6th) Champion, is likely to meet Tiberio Mitrì (Italy), European Champion, in

a ten-round non-title contest in Rome next month.

Armstrong's manager, Tommy Gilmour, tells me he has opened negotiations for the bout.

It will be a great opportunity for the 24-year-old sandy-haired Scot, and certainly the biggest test of his career to date.

Mitrì has recently scored a trick of victories in Rome over three of England's leading middleweights—Randolph Turpin, Gordon Hazell, and Jim Allen.

SCOTLAND V. HUNGARY

Sir George Graham, Scottish Football Association Secretary, returned this month from a holiday in France and Spain and talked about the Scotland v. Hungary international on December 8.

"I think the game will be all-ticket," he declared. "As the match is the biggest attraction ever to come to Hampden Park, it won't be surprising either if admission prices are increased."

With the prospect of seeing the finest players in the world the public are not likely to complain.

(London Express Service)

Australian Test Selectors Appointed

THE SCORES

F/O Doggett's XI

	O	M	R	W
Bobby, c Smith b Moodie.....	13			
Green, c Smith b Moodie.....	13			
Harrison, c Beavis b Birrell.....	13			
Stapleton, c Birrell.....	13			
Total.....	43			
Fall of wickets—1-25, 2-32, 3-35,				
4-33, 5-46, 6-50, 7-57, 8-68				
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SPORTS SURVEY

He Can Hold Seven Cricket Balls In One Hand

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

If you think Alec Bedser's hands are big you should see those of a young miner named Joe Drauillo, who plays cricket for Hollinwood in Lancashire. He can hold seven cricket balls in one hand, so you can imagine what he can do to one of them in his role as fast bowler. Took eight wickets for six runs the other day in good class cricket.

CATCHING 'EM YOUNG. Wolverhampton Wanderers, Football League Champions, have the finest scouting and coaching system in the country. It was initiated in the days of Major Frank Buckley, and has been carried on by Manager Stan Cullis. Of the 35 professionals on the Wolves' staff 25 began with the club as juniors and only five of the other ten cost money in transfers. Bert Williams and Johnny Hancock, who both became internationals, were bought from Walsall the same day as Ronnie Stocklin. Peter Broad-

bent, who has since played for his country, came from Brentford and Tommy McDonald from Hibs. And that is all that went to make the most successful club in the country!

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB. Most golfers dream of performing the hole-in-one feat, although it costs money in the clubhouse afterwards. But Henry Lisle, of Harborne Church Farm Club (Birmingham) took up the game only a year ago, and he has done the 147 yards long fifth hole on two occasions!

FOOTBALL LEAGUE'S NEW RULE. There will be one alteration in the Football League's rules this coming season. A directive has been sent out to referees that during the months of November, December, January and February, while the light is bad a ball of any colour (leather, orange or white) can be used—but it must be played with during the entire 90 minutes, unless it becomes defective, and then a ball of the same colour must be substituted. One supposes that the Football Association will fall in line for it. Cup ties, although no statement to this effect has been issued.

CELEBRATING DEMOBILISATION. Ray Wood, young Manchester United and England "B" team goalkeeper, certainly celebrated his approaching demobilisation from the RAF in the grand manner. At his Stansfield unit he won the 100 and 220 yards championship events, the 120 yards hurdles, the shot putt, and created a new unit long jump record at 22 ft 6 ins.

Two days later he was a "civvy". Yet he missed the World Cup series and has been laid aside most of the summer with a back injury sustained at Bristol last season.

NEW SOCCER LEAGUE FORMED. The South Eastern Counties League for young amateur and professional players will be inaugurated on Sept. 5. Eleven clubs to compete are Arsenal, Brentford, Bexley Heath and Welling (Charlton's nursery), Brighton, Chelsea, Palace, Fulham, Orient, Portsmouth, Spurs and West Ham.

Comd Wksp REME "B" Team

who have earned the name of Giant Killers scored 576 (equaled A Team score) and are due to fire against 7 RTR next week.

IKCTU should easily win

their next three matches on

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vs 7 RTR 100, 7 RTR vs

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No Freedom In British Welfare State

Burmans Striving To Revive Marionette Art

London, Sept. 16. The British welfare state has brought the mass of the people everything except freedom, a church conference was told here.

Canon M. T. Dunlop, Director of Religious Education in Manchester, submitted a paper which was read for him to the modern churchmen's union conference here. He is at present out of the country.

"The makers of our welfare state, by the giving of their fortunes and lives, have secured everything for the masses except freedom," he said.

"From the fount of pity have flowed rights but not duties, claims but not obligations, benefits without sacrifice. The welfare has been taken, the State ignored, because the idea of a state with high responsibilities has not been shared."

Canon Dunlop said: "Most surely the foundation of government by consent has been washed away with the erosion of the independence of the individual to consent or to refuse."

"The workers have been for so long at the receiving end of

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Whalers' Wage Demand Rejected

British Oslo, Sept. 16. Norwegian Antarctic whaling crews demands for ten per cent wage increases were rejected today by the International Whales Arbitration Tribunal which has been considering the claims here this week.

Mr Ingvald Hougren, Chairman of the Norwegian Seamen's Union, speaking on behalf of the six British and Norwegian seamen's organisations concerned, at once protested against the tribunal's judgment, but said it would be respected by the organisations members.

The British and Norwegian whaling crews organisations had based their demand for wage increases on the fact that whaling men had not received the same wage increases as received by officers and men of the merchant navy in the 1950-54 period. They said prices had increased over 38 per cent since 1950, while whaling men had only received wage increases of 12 per cent.

CHINESE FOR CZECHS

London, Sept. 16. The Charles University in Prague is to teach the Chinese language for the first time since it was established in 1348, the Czech news agency Ceska reported. At the same time, a chair for the Czech language has been introduced at Peking University.—China Mail Special.

In the days of the Burmese kings, a man and a woman would never act together in public unless they were man and wife. Public displays of endearment were quite unknown and, indeed, unthinkable. This reticence still prevails in parts of Burma today. Recently, a meeting in Rangoon

It is not known how he got the idea but it was perhaps suggested by a traveller from Java, where puppets have been used since the earliest times.

A special trick puppet will sometimes have as many as 60 strings attached, and this is especially necessary for those which are made to do Burmese dancing which seemingly requires of the use of every joint and muscle in the body. Some puppets even have separate strings for each eyebrow.

The craft of making these puppets is handed down in families and the same men show uncanny skill in operating the dolls while at the same time remembering long passages of difficult dialogue.

In the traditional form, there are 28 figures and, though they have been added to in recent years, these still form the basis for all puppet shows.

The figures include a king, princess and princesses, ministers of state, necromancers and astrologers, jesters, nats (spirits), ogres, tigers, elephants, horses and always a throng of chattering monkeys.

Unlike other marionette shows, which are usually regarded as light entertainment, the Burmese look on their performances as classical art, presenting full-length serious drama.

KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

The shows last all night and are divided into two parts. The first serves in much the same way as the cartoons and short films which precede the main feature in a cinema. It is provided to amuse the young and to attract an audience by giving some idea of what will happen in the second half—the classical drama.

The audience if it is to understand fully the play must have some knowledge of the techniques and customs of the marionette drama. Little scenery is used and much is left to the imagination, helped by the dialogue and the incidental music of drums, cymbals, flutes, gongs and clappers.

A few leaves held in bamboo sticks in the middle of the stage above the boundary between two kingdoms. Winds, storms, and the noise of the sea are represented by the music.

At its best, the play shows all the beauty and elegance of Burmese court manners and customs, and it is for its historical interest as well as for its cultural value that efforts are being made to preserve it in its best and traditional form.—China Mail Special.

Geneva, Sept. 16.

Swiss Dr. Jean Thivierge left here today for Saigon as the representative of the Red Cross Society of 18 nations to coordinate relief supplies for the hundreds of thousands of refugees from North Vietnam.

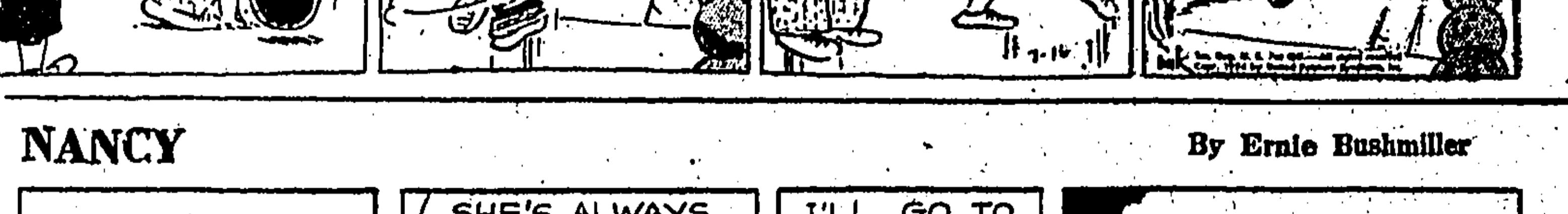
An appeal to the international Red Cross by the South Vietnamese Red Cross Society, on September 1, has collected 1,000,000 francs from the United States, Canada, Japan, Norway and Switzerland.

Gifts of money, food, medicine and shelter for the 500,000 homeless refugees are being sent out.

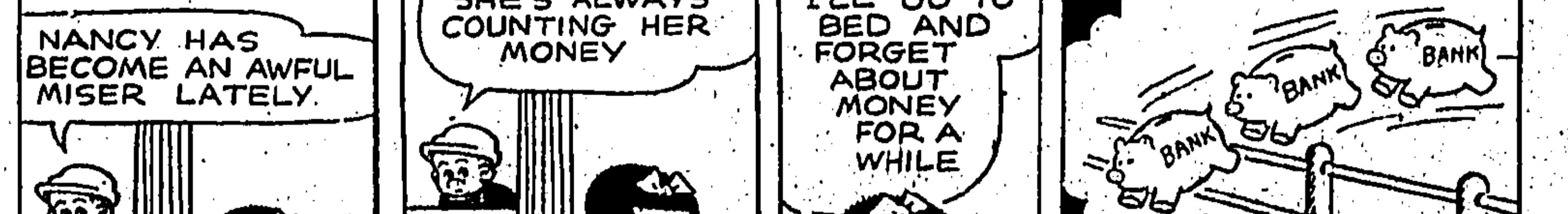
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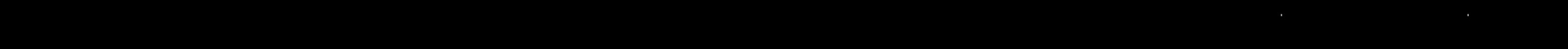
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The Traditional Festival Of The Gondolas



General view during the historical Festival of the Gondolas on the Grand Canal in Venice. Some of the many craft taking part can be seen as they pass the famous Rialto Bridge watched by the vast crowds.—Express Photo.

House Of The Sphinxes Yield Clues To Mycenaean Language

Athens, Sept. 16. Professor Alan Wace, the British archaeologist who has just finished the season's "dig" at Mycenae, intends to go to the Princeton Institute for Archaeological Studies to investigate the significance of this year's finds.

The finds include 16 inscribed terra cotta tablets discovered in the House of the Sphinxes (so-called because of a plaque showing two sphinxes delicately carved in ivory found there last year) outside the walls of the ancient Akropolis.

The American Professor Dr Emmet Bennett and the British architect, Mr Michael Ventris, both experts in the Cretan and Mycenaean scripts, are studying the newly uncovered tablets.

The tablets are in an excellent state of preservation. They measure 13 centimetres by 10 centimetres and were found in the cellar of the House of the Sphinxes.

Professor Wace believes that they are catalogues of commodities and, he says, appear to be more important than those found last year.

"When these tablets are deciphered they will throw new light on the life of those people and help us in the study of the Mycenaean language," he stated here before leaving for Britain. "This year's excavations have also fully confirmed that the Mycenaeans were Greeks and that during the thirteenth century before Christ peace prevailed in Mycenae which was at that time very prosperous."

"I am extremely satisfied with the results of the excavations which I have conducted at Mycenae this year."

During his work at the House of the Sphinxes, which is the most southerly of three large houses found outside the walls of the Akropolis—the others are known as the House of the Oil Merchant and the House of Shields—Professor Wace also found 15 large jars which, it is believed, were used for storing oil, honey and dried pulses.

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It was, too, well equipped to withstand a siege in a land where an assured water supply is always one of the main problems.

Visitors who climb up the rough paved road through the Lion Gate—which is, properly, the Lionesses' Gate, for the beasts rampant over its portal, from which it gets its name, are lionesses not lions—over a stone step worn by ancient Greek chariots, may still see the great elsterns, or stone tanks, into which every possible drop of rain water was diverted for storage.

They may see, too, the ruins of the bathroom where, according to tradition, King Agamemnon, conqueror of Troy, was treacherously murdered while taking his shower, by his faithless Queen, Clytemnestra, and her lover, Aegisthus.

And because water was so important a factor in the lives of these people, liable at any time to be besieged in their arid hill-top fortress, one of the features at the Akropolis most proudly displayed by the guides today is a subterranean passage which leads down the hill and passes outside the walls to a secret spring where water could always be drawn.

The presence of the spring, it is said, was revealed by toadstools. Tradition has it that an ancient Mycenaean roaming the hillsides in search of some clue to water saw the toadstools, knew that they must have more moisture than the hillsides normally provided and gave orders for the spot to be dug.

Today, after 3,000 years, the subterranean passage, with its characteristic triangular vaulted roof, is used only by the curious to probe into the life of the past. But the visitor, returning hot and thirsty from his voyage back through the ages under a broiling sun, can still refresh himself with water from the secret spring, brought through a conduit to a point near the guardian's house below the Lion Gate. —China Mail Special.

Other chemicals were mixed two points.

HERALD OF COMMERCE SECTION

GATT: THE TORY DILEMMA

Sharp Criticism Expected At Blackpool

London, Sept. 16. Sharp criticism of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) will be expressed during the debate on Imperial trade at the Conservative Party Conference at Blackpool in October.

This debate is expected to dominate the world conference.

At last year's meeting, the party's rank and file came out overwhelmingly in favour of a modification of GATT and other international agreements to restore Britain's freedom to extend Imperial Preference. (GATT specifically forbids the strengthening of existing preferences.)

Most Conservatives now reluctantly accept the fact that no support for increased preferences is likely to be forthcoming from other Commonwealth countries. But there is a hard core of Tory opinion which maintains that if Britain gave in, the others would follow. It suspects the Government of deliberately side-tracking the preference issue.

The Empire Industries Association and British Empire

League is staging a demonstration in a Blackpool theatre while the conference is in session to press this viewpoint.

EMBARRASSMENT

This "unofficial" demonstration will no doubt prove an acute embarrassment to the Party leaders. Apart from the large personal following of its president, 81-year-old Mr L.S. Amery, the "grand old man" of Empire Trade, the Association and League numbers among its members over 250 Conservative MP's and more than 150 Tory peers.

Among its aims are the development of Empire unity and the extension of Imperial Preference in production, trade and transport.

Last year's "revolt" by the party's rank and file against the Government's trade policy was roundly condemned by Conservative leaders.

VIEWS IGNORED

Although resolutions adopted by the party conference are in no way binding on the Government, many Conservatives believe the party leaders have flagrantly ignored their views.

The situation has arisen, said one prominent member of the so-called "Amery Group," in which Conservative Government policy is directly opposed to Conservative party policy as expressed at the last conference.

It is believed in cotton circles that increasing entries of cotton into the Government loan programme, the cutback in cotton acreage and the favourable crop outlook.

The advance later attracted profit-taking and hedging, and the far-off months fell well below the previous close, while the nearby months held relatively firm.

Market men attributed the buying in part to expectations of a tight spot cotton situation because of the Government loan programme, the cutback in cotton acreage and the favourable crop outlook.

Trading volumes and open interests in the Exchange today were:

Month	Volume	Open Interest
October	39,000	164,406
December	67,900	65,841
March	31,900	32,600
May	15,800	80,300
October	3,700	40,300
December	2,000	1,300
March	22,900	229,400

Trades, 552 sales.

Conservative leaders will therefore be anxious to avoid a head-on clash with the constituency parties on the Empire trade issue. It will require great diplomacy on their part to allay the fears of the Conservative rank and file without jeopardising the chances of an agreed Commonwealth policy on the future of GATT.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES

Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:

20 Industrials	322.37
20 rails	116.16
15 utilities	69.99
65 stocks	150.30
65 bonds	70.84
Comm. future price index	173.03

—United Press.

New YORK SUGAR MARKET

New York, Sept. 16. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1 point lower to 4 points higher with sales of 135 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 150 contracts.

There was a fair amount of inquiry for sugar in the world market with Germany and India expected to buy additional sugar.

Domestic raws were believed available at 6.03 to 6.05 cents a pound, delivered basis, with relatively possible buyers at 6 cents a pound.

Future closings:

Contract No 4 (world)

Spot, Jan. 15/16..... 1.15

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1954

APPEAL COURT SURPRISE: MAN ASKED FOR HEAVIER SENTENCE

There was a departure from the usual run of appeals against sentences today when an appellant asked for an increase in his sentence before Mr Justice C. W. Reece in the Appeal Court.

The reason for this came to light when Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, informed the Court that prisoners who received terms of more than one year were entitled to learn a trade in prison, and he thought this was why the man sought a heavier sentence.

Appellant, Kwong Ping, who had been given nine months' hard labour in Kowloon Court for stealing an electric fan from a shop in Nathan Road, con-

came before me again—and I am only speaking for myself—I will step up rather than cut down your sentences. Tell that to all the boys."

"Wrong Plea"

What was described by Crown Counsel as extraordinary but true was the case of Ip Man, alias Man Chui, who wrongly pleaded guilty to an offence which was committed while he was already in custody, and was sentenced for it.

Ip sought a reduction of sentences of four months and eight months respectively on two counts of larceny. He admitted committing the first offence, but denied the second.

Mr Blair-Kerr informed the Court it was a fact that the appellant was already in custody

at the time of the commission of the second offence.

His Lordship allowed the appeal on the second count, and quashed both the conviction and sentence. He dismissed the appeal against the first count on the grounds that appellant had advanced nothing in his favour to warrant interference.

"Give Me A Chance"

Another man, Ip Yung, asked the Court to give him a chance to become a good citizen when he appealed against a sentence of nine months passed on him for simple larceny. He admitted five previous convictions.

Appellant claimed he had committed the offence against his own will. He said he was a Kowloon Tsai fire victim and had lost all his possessions in the fire. He was also ill at the time and needed money.

His Lordship told appellant he had many opportunities to reform. "Why did you not stay in China when you were deported?" he asked. "You would become an excellent citizen there."

The appeal was dismissed.

Leave Refused

Chuk Man-yu, sentenced to ten months for burglary and larceny, claimed he had not been given an opportunity to plead to one of two counts preferred against him when he appeared before the Magistrate. He said he did not know why he had been sentenced to ten months until he entered gaol.

His Lordship told appellant the Magistrate had recorded his pleas to the charges clearly, and the Court had to go by the record. He further pointed out that appellant had four previous convictions. Leave to appeal was refused.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting registered articles and unregistered correspondence passed at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times, can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one or two earlier than the times shown below. Particulars of parcel mails can be obtained by enquiry at any post office.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

By Air
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan,
Middle East, Africa, Great Britain,
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia and
New Zealand, 6 p.m.
By Surface

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

By Air
Japan, U.S.A. & Canada, 8 a.m.
India, 8 a.m.
Philippines, 8 a.m.
Japan & U.S.A., 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, 9 a.m.
Formosa, noon
Macao, 1.30 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Japon, Hawaii, U.S.A., Central &
South America, 3 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Malaya, 6 p.m.
Sunday, SEPTEMBER 19

By Air
Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 1 p.m.
Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A.,
Malaya, 1 p.m.
Philippines, N. Borneo, 6 p.m.
Indo-China, Malaya, Indonesia,
Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon,
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great
Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 2 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 2 p.m.

With the exception of the last-named, who had been certified as medically unfit, the accused were in addition ordered to receive six strokes of the cane each.

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He was sentenced to a total of seven years.

The robbery charge alleged that five of the accused on May 11, together robbed Lo Ka-ying, a woman, of \$100, a quantity of jewellery, an Omega wrist watch, a marriage certificate, a birth certificate and an identity card.

RECEIVED WATCH

The second charge alleged that the first accused on the same day, received the Omega wrist watch, knowing it to be stolen property.

W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, told the Court that the five robbers committed the offence at 407 Jaffe Road, first floor on the morning of May 11. One of them was armed with a knife.

They tied and gagged the complainant and her maid, then ransacked the house.

All were subsequently arrested and admitted their guilt.

Mr Blair-Kerr said the five men went to the first accused's home immediately after the robbery, and there started the loot in his presence. He allowed them to stay in his house for some time afterwards. The Omega watch was given to him from the loot.

The total value of the things stolen, he went on, was \$3,500.

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German Consul

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government has recognized Mr Hilmar Blaettner as Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany at Hongkong, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Important

Fashion

News

The second autumn fashion show of IMPORTANT DRESSES was held by leading NEW YORK CITY COUTURIERS about August 10th to 15th. Our two famous buyers, instead of buying first show of autumn garments held in June, waited until the "IMPORTANT" second autumn garment fashion show, which "MEANS" that they could indiscriminately select for you living in South Asia, the very last-minute, correct autumn styles and colours worn by your sophisticated Western cousins. To insure "YOU WHO REALLY APPRECIATE CORRECT LAST-MINUTE NEW AUTUMN FASHIONS, COLOURS and DETAILS" GET such "WONDERFUL" pretty apparel, they airmailed to MODE ELITE a very "HUGE AIR SHIPMENT BY PAA" of such "CORRECT LAST-MINUTE SELECTIONS", which will be "READY" for your expert selection TODAY. That is the "VERY HIGH CLASS OF CORRECT HIGH FASHION SERVICE" you "GET" from MODE ELITE who would NOT let you wear any clothes, shoes and accessories that are "DONKEY FASHIONED" or three months "BEHIND STYLES". With no exaggeration, it is the voluntary verdict by all gentlewomen and misses of refined taste here that MODE ELITE is really featuring nothing but "THE VERY LASTWORD IN SILHOUETTES, FABRICS, COLOURS and DETAILS" in wearing apparel, shoes and accessories. YOUR BONA FIDE INSPECTION IS INVITED.

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FIVE MEN GET 10 YEARS' HARD LABOUR

Five men, described as having "very bad records" by the Crown, were given 10 years' hard labour when they pleaded guilty to robbery with aggravation before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The accused were Leung Teat-alus, Leung Sung, Yan Sul-chong, Kwan Sui-man alias Ma Chi, Kwong Wing-nin alias Wu Kai, and Wu Cho-wo alias Wu Kin-sum alias Cheuk Tsz-wu.

guilty to a most serious crime—one that appeared to be prevalent in the Colony—and in view of their bad records, the least sentence he could impose upon them was 10 years.

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The Pope's remarks were made on September 8 in an audience on September 8 in an audience at the Vatican to delegations to the recently-concluded World Population Congress in Rome. The text was released yesterday.

In the Vatican City newspaper Observatore Romano "because of the many requests made by delegates to the Congress" to publish the Pope's remarks.

Numerous delegations to the population conference advocated birth control to solve the growing problem of over-population.

Authorised Vatican sources emphasized as the conference ended that the Church was sympathetic to the problem but does not contemplate any change in its historic opposition to birth control—United Press.

In the outline of the case, Sir Groome said that at about 0.45 p.m. on August 14, three cars were travelling along Stubbs Road. The cars were led by HK618, driven by Kelly, the last car was XK2815.

At a point between two cars, Kelly pulled out to overtake HK32. While he was pulling out, the driver of the first car, HK32, saw an oncoming vehicle, HK9845, well within the double white line of the road, passed him, and then heard a collision.

The driver of the car behind Kelly had stated that HK32 was travelling at about 20 miles per hour, but when Kelly began to overtake, he was going at a fast speed. He saw the offside wheels of Kelly's car knock the offside curb and then saw the two cars collide head-on.

Mr. Kelly was pulled from his car by the police and taken to hospital.

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INQUEST VERDICT

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